

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 466

By Vaughan

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. John Taylor "Chuck" Herring for his meritorious service as pastor of Collierville First Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who, through their extraordinary efforts, have become leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Taylor "Chuck" Herring is one such estimable person, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a man of many talents and interests, Dr. Chuck Herring received a Master of Education degree from Mississippi State University and subsequently taught and coached high school football for eight seasons; and

WHEREAS, one summer, Dr. Herring received a call of faith and resigned from his coaching position; he moved to New Orleans and received a Master of Divinity degree and a Doctor of Ministry degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and he has been pastoring churches ever since; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herring's supportive and devoted wife of forty-seven years, Darlene Herring, has been at his side encouraging him; she leads and supports the church's women's ministry, tending to the hurt and grieving members of the congregation; and

WHEREAS, before his service at Collierville First Baptist Church, Dr. Herring led churches in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee; for the past two decades, he has consistently preached the Word of God to equip church members to be agents of faith and love within the community and thus change lives; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as pastor, more than 1,100 individuals have been baptized as a demonstration of faith; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herring has led Collierville First Baptist Church to open its doors and develop relationships with the local hospital, schools, and civic organizations to assist them in achieving their missions of improving Collierville; and

WHEREAS, within the greater Memphis area, Dr. Herring led the church to build and create several tactical partnerships with inner-city churches and like-minded nonprofit organizations, including Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Life Choices, and Memphis Union Mission, among others; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Herring's renowned leadership, Collierville First Baptist Church became one of the leading Southern Baptist churches to respond to crises caused by natural disasters and war around the world by providing much-needed financial support and labor resources through key partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Dr. Chuck Herring, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Herring is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. John Taylor "Chuck" Herring for his years of honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee during his tenure as pastor of Collierville First Baptist Church and extend to him our best wishes for continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

